

**MAIL STOP: REISSUE**

**Group Art Unit 3748**

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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: